

CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

ITEM # 20

NOVEMBER 2003 AGENDA

SUBJECT		Action
California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE): Approval of District Apportionment for 2003-2004	\boxtimes	Information
		Public Hearing

Recommendation:

Approve the following change to the CAHSEE district apportionment amount:

California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)

- \$2.68 for each student who is tested on either the English-language arts and/or mathematics portion of the CAHSEE; and
- \$0.32 for each answer document submitted with completed demographic information.

Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action

The State Board of Education (SBE) approves the amount to be apportioned to school districts to offset the costs associated with administering California's state tests. In 2001, the SBE approved \$3 per student for taking one or both portions of the CAHSEE.

Summary of Key Issue(s)

The apportionment amount of \$3.00 is unchanged. Because the CAHSEE is being used for No Child Left Behind (NCLB), school districts submit an answer document for each grade 10 student. The answer documents will provide the basis for the calculation of the participation rate for NCLB. Schools are required to have a 95 percent participation rate to meet federal guidelines. The answer document contains extensive demographic information that the school district must complete. This additional requirement was included in the proposed regulations approved by the SBE in September.

By revising the apportionment from \$3.00 for each student tested to \$2.68 for each student tested and \$.32 for each answer document submitted with completed demographic information, the school districts will be able to recover costs for the work spent in completing the answer documents. This is similar to how the STAR is apportioned. This revised apportionment will apply to all grade levels.

Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate)

None.

Attachment(s)

None